

PAPER CHAIN ACTIVITIES

Cut these activities apart into strips and assemble them into your Christmas Countdown Chain! There should be 1 activity on each strip/chain link.



Give a hug.



Read a book with someone today.



Make a thankful list.



Send a Christmas card.



Give a helping hand.



Give an encouraging word.



Wrap your toys for a guessing game.





Give a personal picture to someone.



Make Christmas playdough.



Play "Hide the baby."



Make a Christmas puzzle.



Paint with Christmas puff paint.



Draw the story.



Go skating.



Eat a Christmas Tree.



ACTIVITY DETAILS

Each day, match your chain link to one of the instructions below for more details on how to complete your Christmas Countdown Chain Activity! Tip: Mark off each activity as you complete it!



Give a hug.



Supplies: none

Jesus came to earth as a baby because He loved us. As you go about your day today, think about someone you love and give them a big hug.



Read a book with someone today.



Supplies: Christmas book

One reason God gave us the Bible is so that we can read about His son Jesus. Not only is it a great idea to read the Christmas story at Christmastime, but there are many other fun Christmas books too. Pick a Christmas book you have or go to the library and find a Christmas book to read together today.



Make a thankful list.



Supplies: paper, pencil

Jesus was the greatest gift ever given. We give gifts at Christmastime because God gave us the greatest gift. But sometimes at Christmastime, we get so busy thinking about all the things we hope to get that we forget to be thankful for what we have. Think of 3 things that you are thankful for today and write them down. Share your list with a family member.



Send a Christmas card.



Supplies: Christmas card or material to make your own card

Christmas cards are one way we can brighten someone's day and remind them that Jesus loves them and we do too. Think of someone you would like to send a Christmas card to. Maybe it is someone who is sick or too old to get out of their house. A Christmas card will help cheer them up and help them celebrate Christmas. Or maybe you have a neighbor that you would like to give a Christmas card to. You can use a card from the store or you can make your own, then deliver your card or stick it in the mail!



Give a helping hand.



Supplies: none

Because of the sin in our lives and the world, we needed help. God knew the only one who could help us was Jesus. So God sent His only son as a baby to come and live on the earth just like us. He had a plan for Jesus that would save us from our sins. God has helped us and we can help others! Think of one way to help someone today. Maybe you can vacuum the floor or help a sibling clean their room. Give someone a helping hand today and remember how much God loved us when He gave us Jesus.



Give an encouraging word.



Supplies: none

The angels brought good news to the shepherds that made them very happy. The shepherds went and told people about what the angels had said and how they had found the baby just like the angels had told them. We can use our words to make others happy too by using our words to encourage others. Think of a way to encourage someone today. Maybe you can tell your mom she did a great job cooking your food today. Or maybe you can tell a sibling that they are doing a great job with something today. Perhaps someone has already decorated a Christmas tree at your house. You could tell them something you like about it!



Wrap your toys for a guessing game.



Supplies: wrapping paper, 3 toys

Choose three of your toys and wrap them in Christmas paper. Lay all three packages out and see if someone at your house can guess what they are. Let them touch and squeeze the packages and maybe you can give them a clue. Or, you can have someone else in your family wrap three of your toys and you can try and guess what they are!



Give a personal picture to someone.



Supplies: paper, markers/crayons, decorations (stickers, pom-poms, glitter, sequins...)

There are so many fun and beautiful things about Christmas. For example, there are Christmas trees, candy canes, lights, Christmas cookies, bells, presents, and so many other things. Think about some of these things about Christmas and draw a picture of them. Christmas is also a time of giving. Sometimes it is hard for children to know what to give because we think we have to buy something. But often, the best gifts are things that you put your time and effort into. While you draw, think of someone special that you can give your Christmas picture to.



Make Christmas playdough.



Supplies: 1 cup flour, 1 Tablespoon oil, ½ cup salt, 2 Tablespoons lemon juice + enough water to equal 1 cup, food coloring of choice, sauce pan, spoon

Combine all the ingredients together in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat. Stir constantly until mixture forms a ball. Knead until smooth. Then use your Christmas playdough to create whatever you want! Store in a covered container or a Ziplock bag.



Play, "Hide the baby."



Supplies: craft stick, glue or tape, fabric scrap or paper towel, marker

Use a large craft stick and decorate it to look like a baby. Draw a sweet face and a happy little smile on your baby Jesus. Use a piece of cloth or a paper towel to wrap around your stick baby just like Jesus was wrapped in cloth. Tape or glue the edge down so that the blanket will stay on your baby. While no one is looking, one person will hide the baby somewhere in the house. Everyone will go about their normal daily activities but be sure to keep an eye out for the